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When I was a little girl, my mother brought home little seashells, which when placed in water, would open to release tiny flowers. I was so enthralled with these delightful wonders that I frequently purchased them for my own children until I could no longer find them.

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So it was with great pleasure that I first witnessed a similar event with the flowering tea that Danica Enlow mailed to us from Korea. I was not sure what to expect at first, since I had never seen or heard of such a thing, but after following the steeping directions, to my amazement, a flower bloomed before my very eyes. Like a little girl watching flowers blossom from tiny shells, I marveled at the incredible transformation that ended in such lovely beauty.

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Sometime later, Saralee Rhoades delighted us with flowering tea in their home. And then one day after we met for lunch, Laura Head blessed me with this fascinating wonder from Teavana. To my delight, the Jasmine blossom bloomed right before my very eyes once again. It was thrilling and so very, very, lovely!

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If you have never had the pleasure of watching your tea bloom, you must try some. Each little bundle consists of one or more dried flowers wrapped in tealeaves. When steeped, the leaves unfold to reveal a real blossom that opens as if it were blooming.

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From Teavana's website: Great tea works wonders. The delicious tastes and health benefits make tea a wonderful beverage - much better than the unhealthy alternatives. The Teavana dream began with an idea that people would enjoy fresh, high-quality tea in a place that was part Tea Bar, part Tea Emporium. We wanted to introduce people to the aromas, textures, and beneficial qualities of loose leaf teas while enlightening them with the history and variety of teas available. And this is how Teavana was born.

 As our name implies, Teavana's goal is to be a heaven of tea and to offer our customers the healthy lifestyle and wonderful tastes of tea. This unique name is meant to describe the experience each customer has with our tea and our staff.

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After considerable research, only those teas with rich flavors and superior health benefits are selected for Teavana. We opened our first tea emporium in Atlanta, Georgia. Since then we have opened over 150 Teavana locations throughout the US and Mexico.

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My sincerest thanks to Danica, Saralee, and Laura, for introducing me to this marvelous

phenomenon, for bringing back such fond memories, and for making new ones for my own family.</p>